
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Emergency Rule
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-7-2](#) to establish a limit on the number of hooks that can be used on a harness or other artificial lure and adds definitions of terms used for fishing. Effective May 24, 2014.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-7-2](#).

(b) "Artificial lure" means a man-made object used to attract fish with attached single-prong or multiple-prong hooks, excluding bait defined in this SECTION of this document.

(c) "Bait" means:

(1) Natural fish food including bait fish, crayfish, frogs permitted as bait, grubs, insects, larvae, worms, salmon eggs, cheese, corn, and other food substances not containing any ingredient to stupefy, injure, or kill fish.

(2) Any substance designed to attract fish by taste or scent including dough bait, putty or paste-type bait, and any fly or lure or bait containing or used with such substances.

(3) Soft plastic bait (unscented) including synthetic eggs, synthetic worms, synthetic grubs, and soft plastic lures.

(4) Does not include flies or artificial lures.

(d) "Fly" means an artificial lure constructed of any material except bait, as defined in this SECTION of this document, attached to a single-prong hook.

(e) "Hook" includes either single-prong or multiple-prong hooks. A multi-prong hook or two (2) or more single-prong hooks employed to hold a single bait, as defined in this SECTION of this document, shall be considered a single hook in counting the allowable total in use.

(f) "Pole" and "line" means fishing equipment held in the hand, including a cane pole, casting rod, spinning rod, fly rod, or ice fishing tackle commonly known as a tip-up but does not include snaring, trotlines, set lines, throw lines, limb lines, drop lines, or other tackle normally attached in a fixed position.

SECTION 2. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-2\(c\)](#).

(b) An individual may take fish with not more than three (3) poles or lines at a time. Except as provided in [312 IAC 9-7-2\(k\)](#), an individual must affix to each pole or line not more than:

(1) three (3) hooks as defined in SECTION 1 of this document;

(2) three (3) artificial lures as defined in SECTION 1 of this document; or

(3) a combination of hooks or artificial lures as defined in SECTION 1 of this document not to exceed a total of three (3).

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-2\(k\)](#).

(b) An individual must not fish the waterways described in [312 IAC 9-7-2\(j\)](#) or from the St. Joseph River and its tributary streams from the Twin Branch downstream to the Michigan state line (St. Joseph County) with more than one (1) single hook per line or one (1) artificial lure. Single hooks, including those on artificial lures, shall not exceed one-half (1/2) inch from point to shank. Double and treble hooks on artificial lures shall not exceed three-eighths (3/8) inch from point to shank.

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